

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-16 are pending, claims 1, 3, 8 and 10 have been amended, and claims 2 and 9, and withdrawn claims 15 and 16 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-14 remain pending.

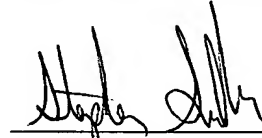
The Examiner's indication that claims 2-7 and 9-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim is acknowledged and appreciated.

Accordingly, the limitations of canceled claim 2 have been incorporated into amended claim 1, and the limitations of canceled claim 9 have been incorporated into amended claim 8. Claims 3 and 10 have been amended to correct claim dependencies.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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